



COMMUNITY NEWS

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From The Desk Of Officer Mark R. Ruffennach

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new District 1 Crime Prevention Officer, Kory Sneed. Officer Sneed is a 10-year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department and has spent six years in schools as a DARE Officer and a School Resource Officer. In addition to his plethora of valuable information he brings an exciting attitude and a passion for crime prevention. Together we have planned several major events that I hope you take the opportunity to attend.

In the mean time, if you have a success story about crime prevention be sure to let me know, as I would like to share it with our readers.

Sincerely,

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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER MICHAEL D. ROSENBERGER

As we enter the New Year, District Two personnel remains committed to providing professional and efficient police service to our community. The cornerstones of our policing efforts are our five operational goals that will remain the same from 2004. The District Two operational goals are:

- ✓ *Prevent Crime and Disorder (Law Enforcement's Primary Mission)*
- ✓ *Enhance Traffic Safety Through Enforcement and Creative Problem Solving*
- ✓ *Deliver Professional Police Services*
- ✓ *Develop Safer Communities Through Partnerships and Collaboration*
- ✓ *Foster Employee Development and Recognition*

In January, the Police Department underwent a reorganization of all of its patrol squads. Some officers have changed to new squads within the District and some have moved to new District assignments. Consequently, you may see a new face patrolling in your neighborhood or around your business. I know all of the officers and police aides that are new to District Two are looking forward to meeting the many members of our community and establishing new friendships and collaborative partnerships, as we all work together to keep Scottsdale safe. As your Police District Commander I am always available directly for any suggestions, concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Rosenberger
District 2 Commander
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BE ALERT! DON'T BE A VICTIM

PERSONAL SAFETY begins by planning ahead. One must not only be prepared to physically protect themselves but also psychologically. We often watch the news, or read a story in the newspaper where someone was victimized and think to ourselves, "That could never happen to me." Chances are, the victim in those stories never thought it could happen to them either. In order to protect ourselves, we need to arm ourselves with the knowledge of how to minimize being victimized.

- *In your mind, recall situations where you panicked. How did you react to that situation? Did you run, freeze, or prepare to fight? You can change the response if needed by replaying it in your head with a desired outcome each time.*
- *When walking from one location to another, use the safest route and the most direct route. Choose well-lighted streets and walk with a friend if possible.*
- *Walk assertively with your head up and stay alert to your surroundings.*
- *Keep your purse and baggage close to your body.*
- *Keep your keys in your hand and be ready to use them.*
- *If you notice someone following you or approaching you quickly, turn around and make eye contact. Ask them in a loud firm voice, "Can I help you." This will not only let the person know you see them but also alert others in the area of the potential problem.*
- *If you notice a car following you as you walk, turn around quickly and run in the opposite direction.*

Whenever you notice a suspicious person or vehicle, get a description of the vehicle or person(s) and call 9-1-1. Let the police dispatchers know why they are suspicious and let the officers find out who they are.

The Scottsdale Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a Self Awareness Class soon. Check future newsletters for dates.



Safety Check Points for Kids

While Stranger Danger is on the mind of every parent, below are some tips you may consider having your child use:

- Check First before you go **anywhere** with **anyone** (for **any** reason at **any** time)! Check with whoever is in charge of you at the time. If you cannot check, then the answer is **NO!**
- Adults can get help from other adults. You do not need to help anyone find a lost puppy, unload a truck, etc., without **checking first!**
- Know your full name, address (including state), and telephone number with the area code. Know your parents' or guardians' names, too.
- If you are separated in a store, **freeze** and then **yell** your parents' or guardians' first and last name. You may ask a clerk or mother with children to go get help for you, but **stay where you are.**
- If anyone tries to move or hurt you, make sure you scream, kick, fight, and yell, "You're not my dad (or mom)!"
- Use the buddy system; go in groups.
- If you find a gun, do not touch it. Leave it alone and tell someone. If a friend wants you to touch or hold it, use the Power NO!
- When you are home alone, keep the door locked and closed for **everyone**. Let the phone ring, let the answering machine pick it up, or work out a system with your parents or guardians so that no one realizes you are home alone.
- On the Internet, keep personal information to yourself! Ask your parents which sites you can visit.

Information provided by:
Safety Kids, Inc., a non-profit
organization
PO Box 10682, Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-241-1234



The Scottsdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Mesa and Phoenix Police Departments, are honored to host its 3rd Annual Desert Dog Police K9 Trials. The trials are sponsored by the Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association (A.L.E.C.A.) and will be held on April 16th & 17th, 2005 at the Scottsdale Stadium, located at 7500 E. Osborn Rd.

The Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association (A.L.E.C.A.) is a non-profit, professional statewide organization of Law Enforcement and Police Dog handlers. A.L.E.C.A is dedicated to the utilization and proficiency of Police Service Dogs through training and communication. A.L.E.C.A. provides handlers and their canine partners around the state and beyond with a way to train and is dedicated to the betterment of canine teams everywhere.

The 3rd annual Desert Dog Canine competition will feature approx. 50 canine teams from around the United States. This spirited competition will test the ability of the canine teams in the following categories: Area Searches, Building Searches, Obstacle Course, Tactical Obedience, Handler Protection (bite work), Narcotics Detection, and Explosives Detection.

The Scottsdale Police Department S.W.A.T. team as well as the Rural Metro Fire Department will be on hand with static displays and demonstrations through out both days. A police helicopter will also be there as well as a special appearance by McGruff the crime dog. There will be a special appearances made by the S.M.I.L.E. Safety Clowns, Crime Prevention, Citizen and Neighborhood Resources Department and Code Enforcement on Saturday to make your day entertaining as well as informative.

This competition is **FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. The hours of competition are from 9:00am to 4:00pm both Saturday and Sunday. Programs will be provided to the public free of charge.

Please help us make this an informative, fun filled free event for families to come and enjoy. **We are soliciting door prizes/raffle gifts from local businesses for a public raffle that will be held both days of the event.** Proceeds will go to the furtherance of A.L.E.C.A. and to help ensure the success of the Desert Dog Canine Trials for years to come. We also have vendor space available at the stadium with security provided overnight on Saturday.

Your help is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the event program. Thanks in advance for your support of this event. For more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Scottsdale Police Department Recruitment

The Scottsdale Police Department is currently seeking qualified applicants for a career in Law Enforcement. If you are interested in a rewarding career with excellent benefits, please contact Officer Greg Carlin at (480) 312-5384 or by e-mail at: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov



Scottsdale Police Department

The 2005 Scottsdale Police Department's Calendar is now on sale for only \$5.00. The calendar sales will benefit Scottsdale Police Department's Youth Programs.

Be sure to get your "Limited Edition Calendar" soon, as quantities are limited.

To order: Contact Chris Vassall at (480) 312-5050 or cvassall@scottsdaleaz.gov

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NATIVE TRAILS

Jan 6th through March 31st

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Arts Outdoor Amphitheater

For more information call (480) 421-1004 or visit

www.CultureQuestScottsdale.com

SUNDAY A'FAIR

Jan 9th through April 10th

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Civic Center Mall

www.scottsdalearts.org

SCOTTSDALE ARTWALK

Thursday evening's year round

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Downtown Scottsdale

For more information call (480) 945-8475 or visit

www.scottsdalegalleries.com

FBR OPEN

TPC of Scottsdale

Jan. 31st through Feb. 6th

For more information visit

www.phoenixopen.com

PARADA del SOL PARADE

Feb. 5th

9:00 a.m.

Downtown Scottsdale

For more information call (602) 996-8289